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GROSSPAHN, formerly known as USAGE, was originally a Zipper source who in Feb 1950 came under direct control of the Pullach station. In April 1952 he was turned over to the Salzburg station, as his ~~main~~ main base of operations was in Austria.

At the time of this turnover, GROSSPAHN was directing 4 operations, as follows:

a. Slovakia

This was principally a border-crossing operation for the purpose of obtaining reports, documents etc. inside Slovakia. GROSSPAHN ~~xxx~~ worked through Karl SUTCHRAST, a refugee Slovakian priest in Salzburg, who in turn recruited a number of couriers. This operation came to a virtual end in July 1952 when the last four couriers were picked up ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ while inside Slovakia. (Other couriers had previously been lost in April 52 and Dec 51).

b. Soviet Zone of Austria OB

GROSSPAHN runs a net of approximately eight agents who collect OB information on the Soviet Zone of Austria. This is at present the most productive part of the GROSSPAHN complex of operations. Since May approximately eighty reports have been received here, all but a few of which have been disseminated. The evaluations received from Washington customer agencies have been ~~xxxxxx~~ varied - in general not too enthusiastic. In a number of cases they have said that the info could best be evaluated by the Army in Austria. Customer agencies in the fix field, on the other hand, have shown extremely favorable reactions to the reports. For example, a memo from the Chief of the ~~xxxxx~~ Intelligence Section of USAF characterized them as "extremely useful in helping this Headquarters maintain its Air Order of Battle of Soviet Air Forces units in SovZone Austria" and said that the information in them "is of great interest to this Headquarters as well as to USAF, USAFE, USFA." They were judged "quite reliable".

c. Police Contacts

Through a police official in Salzburg ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ who has three or four subagents or ~~informants~~ informants GROSSPAHN receives police ~~xxxxxx~~ reports. Through this channel special checks can be made if needed. Some of the reports received duplicate [] those received from []. Most of the reports are considered to be primarily of local interest and helpful as background information. Some are useful as CE material.

d. Socialist and Rightest contacts

GROSSPAHN receives reports from an agent who is well connected in Upper Austrian Socialist circles but who also maintains contacts in Austrian extreme rightest circles. These reports are ~~xxxxxx~~ of interest to local ~~xxxxxxxx~~ mainly customers or are of value as CE information.

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